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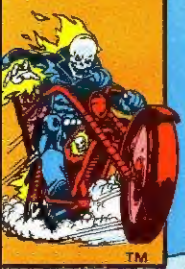

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GREAT DAY IN THE MORNIN'!
WHAT THE DEVIL WAS THAT?!
THERE IS NO ANSWER TO THE WORKMAN'S SHOCKED QUESTION... ONLY A HIDEOUS BANSHEE WAIL, AS THE FIERY CYCLE ROCKETS AWAY INTO THE DARKNESS--
--COVERING A DOZEN MILES IN MERE SECONDS!
WHAT THE--?!
BLASTED 'CYCLE JOCKEY ALMOST CAUGHT ME NAPPIN' WITH THAT SOUPED-UP SILENT BIKE! THAT BABY MUST HAVE SOME KINDA MUFFLER!
WHAT SORT OF BIKE IS THAT, ANYWAY? IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE IT'S... ON FIRE!?
FT. WAYNE
NAW, THAT'S CRAZY!
HEY, MAYBE IT'S ONE OF THOSE JET-BIKES... LIKE I READ ABOUT IN PRO CYCLE MAGAZINE!
WHATEVER IT IS, I'LL SOON FIND OUT!
OKAY, HOT STUFF! PULL IT...
...OVER?
I THINK NOT, MORTAL!
AND THEN, BEFORE THE STUNNED PATROLMAN CAN REACT...
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I'M DOING 80 MPH EASY! AN' THAT... THAT THING IS LEAVIN' ME BEHIND LIKE I WAS STANDIN' STILL!
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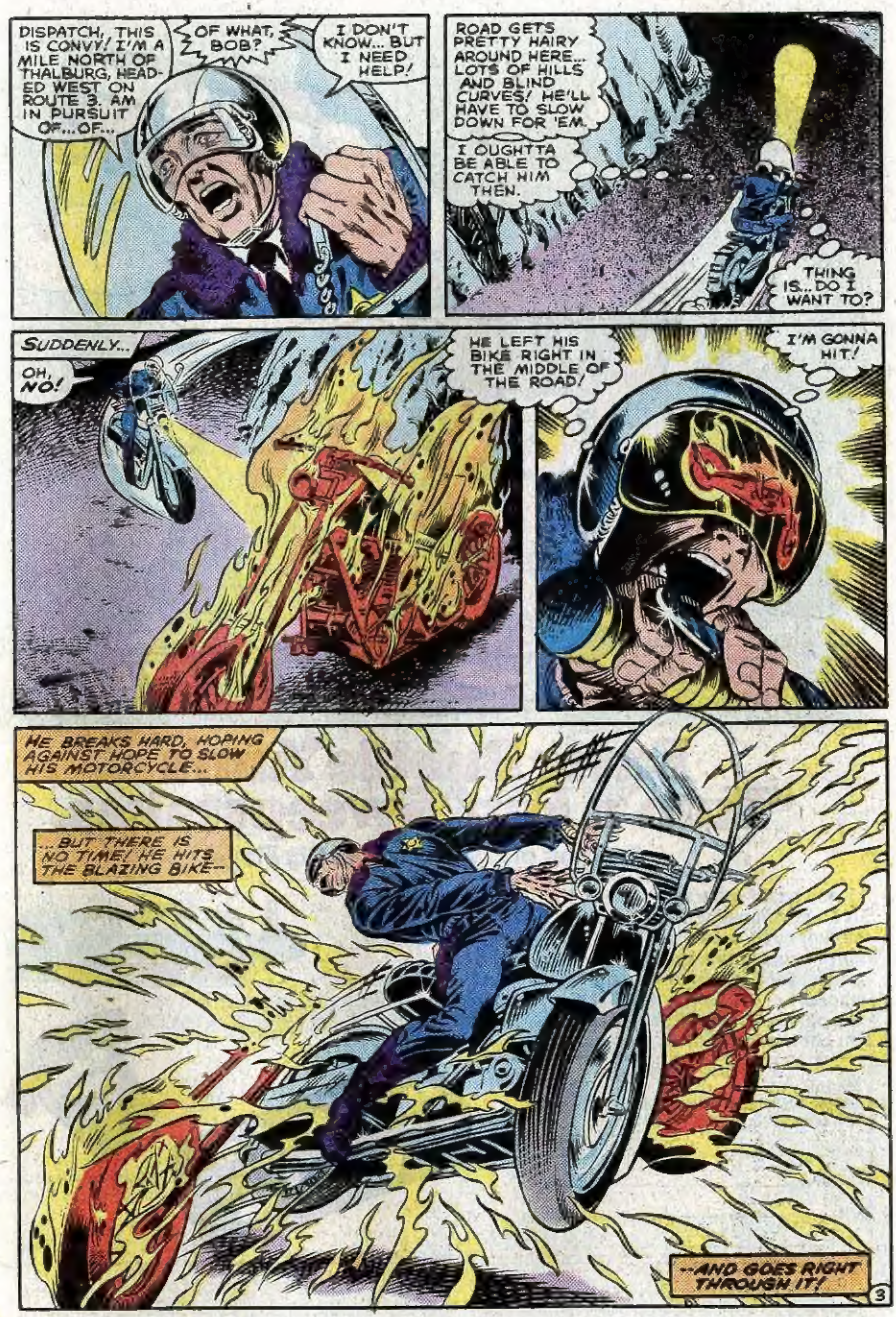
DISPATCH, THIS IS CONVY! I'M A MILE NORTH OF THALBURG, HEADED WEST ON ROUTE 3. AM IN PURSUIT OF...OF...
OF WHAT, BOB?
I DON'T KNOW... BUT I NEED HELP!
ROAD GETS PRETTY HAIRY AROUND HERE... LOTS OF HILLS AND BLIND CURVES! HE'LL HAVE TO SLOW DOWN FOR 'EM.
I OUGHTTA BE ABLE TO CATCH HIM THEN.
THING IS...DO I WANT TO?
SUDDENLY...
OH, NO!
HE LEFT HIS BIKE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!
I'M GONNA HIT!
HE BREAKS HARD, HOPING AGAINST HOPE TO SLOW HIS MOTORCYCLE...
...BUT THERE IS NO TIME! HE HITS THE BLAZING BIKE--
--AND GOES RIGHT THROUGH IT!
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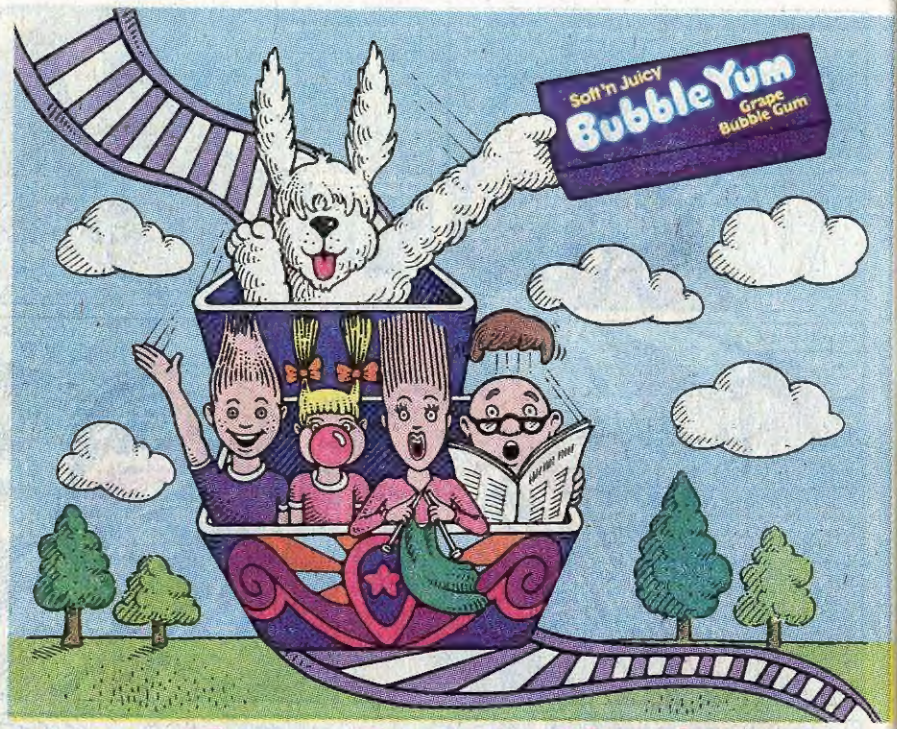

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I-IT JUST BURST APART AS I HIT IT... LIKE IT WAS MADE OUTTA NOTHING BUT FLAME!
TUMBLING DOWN THE ASPHALT, THE SHOCKED MOTORCYCLE COP FINALLY COMES TO A PAINFUL STOP--ONLY HIS LEATHERS AND HELMET PROTECTING HIM FROM SERIOUS INJURY!
AND THEN, AS HE STAGGERS TO HIS FEET...
HA HA HA HA
GOOD LORD
NOW, MORTAL FOOL, PERHAPS YOU HAVE LEARNED YOUR LESSON...
SHOULD I FIRE A WARNING SHOT?
OW! NO... RIGHT ARM'S SPRAINED... CAN'T EVEN DRAW MY REVOLVER.
AND I DOUBT THAT IT'D DO ANY GOOD IF I COULD!
IN A WAY, I ENVY YOU, MORTAL! WHEN YOU TELL YOUR FRIENDS OF THIS NIGHT, THEY WILL BE MIGHTILY IMPRESSED...
...THOSE WHO BELIEVE YOU!
FEW MEN HAVE RACED WITH ME... AND COME AWAY WITH THEIR SOULS INTACT!
HA HA HA HA HA
HE... JUST POINTED... AND FLAME SHOT OUTTA HIS HAND... FORMING A NEW BIKE!

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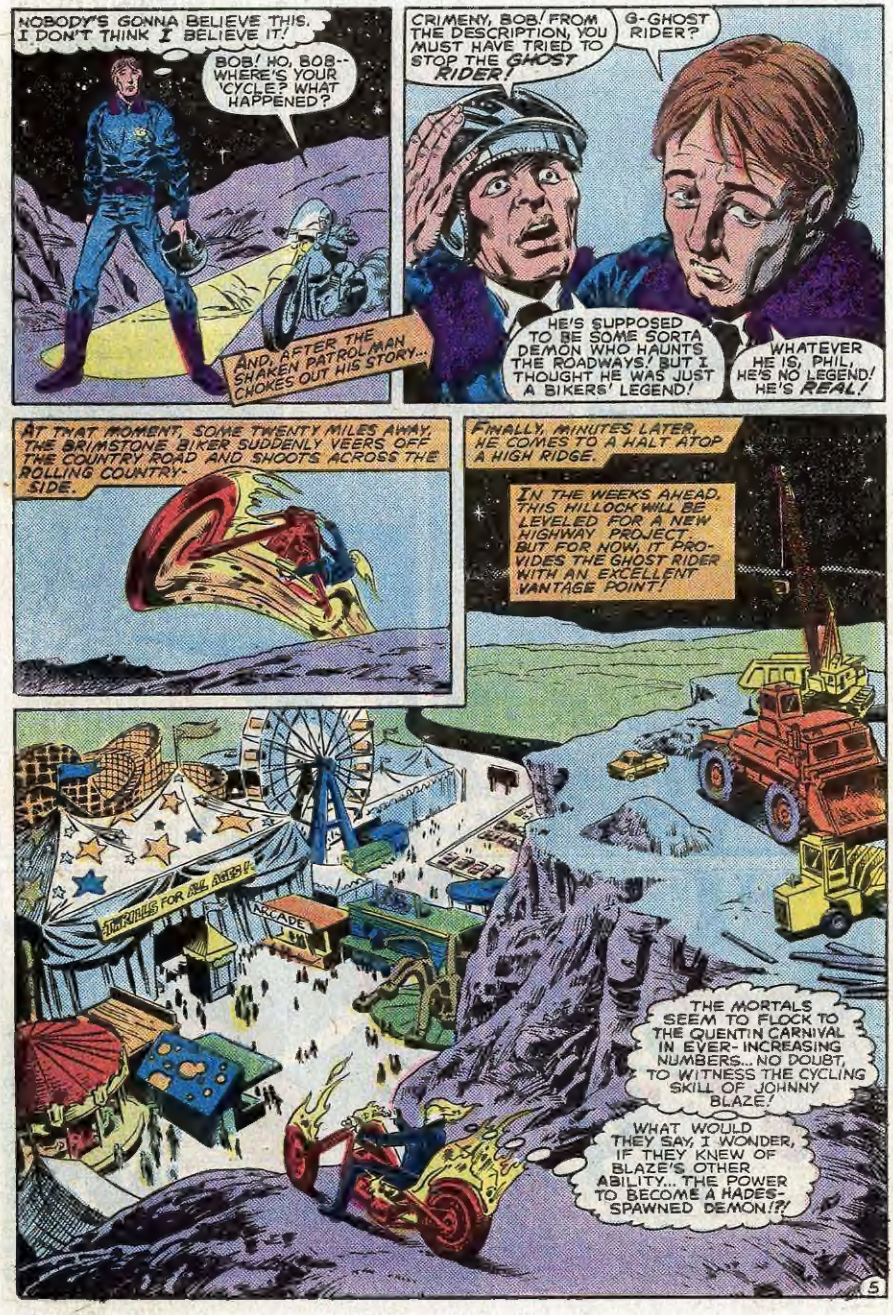
NOBODY'S GONNA BELIEVE THIS. I DON'T THINK I BELIEVE IT!
BOB! HO, BOB-- WHERE'S YOUR 'CYCLE? WHAT HAPPENED?
AND, AFTER THE SHAKEN PATROLMAN CHOKES OUT HIS STORY...
CRIMENY, BOB! FROM THE DESCRIPTION, YOU MUST HAVE TRIED TO STOP THE GHOST RIDER!
G-GHOST RIDER?
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE SOME SORTA DEMON WHO HAUNTS THE ROADWAYS! BUT I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A BIKERS' LEGEND!
WHATEVER HE IS, PHIL, HE'S NO LEGEND! HE'S REAL!
AT THAT MOMENT, SOME TWENTY MILES AWAY, THE BRIMSTONE BIKER SUDDENLY VEERS OFF THE COUNTRY ROAD AND SHOOTS ACROSS THE ROLLING COUNTRY-SIDE.
FINALLY, MINUTES LATER, HE COMES TO A HALT ATOP A HIGH RIDGE.
IN THE WEEKS AHEAD, THIS HILLOCK WILL BE LEVELED FOR A NEW HIGHWAY PROJECT. BUT FOR NOW, IT PRO-VIDES THE GHOST RIDER WITH AN EXCELLENT VANTAGE POINT!
THRILLS FOR ALL AGES!
ARCADE
THE MORTALS SEEM TO FLOCK TO THE QUENTIN CARNIVAL IN EVER-INCREASING NUMBERS... NO DOUBT, TO WITNESS THE CYCLING SKILL OF JOHNNY BLAZE!
WHAT WOULD THEY SAY, I WONDER, IF THEY KNEW OF BLAZE'S OTHER ABILITY... THE POWER TO BECOME A HADES-SPAWNED DEMON!?!
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LEAPING FROM HIS FLAME-CYCLE, THE GHOST RIDER WHIRLS--AND ABSORBS THE BIKE'S FIERY SUBSTANCE INTO HIS OWN GHASTLY FORM!
TONIGHT'S RUN HAS BEEN MOST SATISFYING...BUT WHY SHOULD THE EVENING'S MERRIMENT END SO SOON?
PERHAPS THE GHOST RIDER SHOULD PAY A VISIT TO THE CARNIVAL! HA-HAH-HA!
THE HELLISH LAUGHTER IS SUDDENLY CUT OFF, AND THE GHOST RIDER IS CAUGHT IN THE GRIP OF A VIOLENT SPASM!
HIS FIERY COUNTENANCE DIMS! MORTAL FLESH BEGINS TO FORM BENEATH THE RAGING LEATHERS!
AND, IN SECONDS, THE DEMON IS GONE--REPLACED WITH THE HUMAN FORM OF JOHNNY BLAZE!
WHEW! FORCING THE GHOST RIDER BACK INSIDE OF ME IS WORSE THAN GOING TEN ROUNDS WITH SUGAR RAY LEONARD!
BUT I DID IT! I BEAT THE DEMON FOR ANOTHER NIGHT! I WON!
OR DID I?
IF I HADN'T LET DOWN MY GUARD THIS EVENING SO THE GHOST RIDER COULD TAKE OVER--
--I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO FIGHT HIM BACK DOWN! IF ONLY I HADN'T BEEN SO BLASTED WEAK--! YEAH... WEAKNESS! THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!
IF I HADN'T MADE A DEAL WITH A SUPERNATURAL ENTITY, IN A MOMENT OF WEAKNESS, I WOULDN'T BE SADDLED WITH THE CURSE OF THE GHOST RIDER TODAY!
THE GHOST RIDER HAS BECOME SO WILD, SO HELLBENT FOR VENGEANCE... IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE THERE'S NO STOPPING HIM!
I'D HATE TO THINK WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF HE'D RUN LOOSE THROUGH THE CARNIVAL!
THE CARNIVAL?! OMIGOSH!
I'M DUE TO PERFORM MY CYCLE ACT...RIGHT ABOUT NOW!
THOUGHTS OF DEMONS AND THE SUPERNATURAL ARE ALL BUT FORGOTTEN AS JOHNNY BLAZE RUNS DOWN THE HILL, DASHING FOR THE MIDWAY...
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HEY, JOHNNY BOY! RED FOWLER'S BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YA!
I DON'T DOUBT IT, CORKY! I'M RUNNING LATE TONIGHT!
WELL, SAY, YOU DIDN'T FORGET TO MAIL MY LETTER, DIDJA? IT WAS REAL IMPORTANT! IT WAS--!
YEAH, I KNOW... "TO YOUR SON, THE FAMOUS CIRCUS CLOWN! YOU TAUGHT HIM EVERY-THING HE KNOWS!"
RELAX, CORK! I MAILED IT HOURS AGO!
HERE I AM, RED!
I'D ASK WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, BUT THERE'S NO TIME!
DON'T I KNOW IT! WHERE'RE MY GLAD-RAGS?
RIGHT HERE! WOULDN'T EXACTLY CALL 'EM "GLAD", THOUGH!
SO THEY'RE A LITTLE THREADBARE! THE AUDIENCE WON'T NOTICE!
NO...BUT IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE WEARING LEATHERS UNDER 'EM TONIGHT! THAT CHEAP NYLON JUMPSUIT WON'T PROTECT YOU IF YOU TAKE A SPILL!
IS THERE A DANGER OF THAT, JOHNNY? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU TAKE A SPILL!
HEAR THAT, RED? YOU OUGHTTA HAVE THE CONFIDENCE IN ME THAT CORKY DOES! SHOOT, I COULD DO MY ACT IN A FIG LEAF! I BET THAT WOULD DOUBLE ATTENDANCE!
YEAH, OR ELSE CLOSE THE SHOW! JUST MAKE SURE THAT HELMET'S FASTENED, HOT SHOT!
YOU KNOW YOUR PROBLEM, FOWLER? YOU TAKE THINGS TOO SERIOUSLY!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!
THAT'S MY CUE! WISH ME LUCK!
YOU GOT IT, KID!
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THE QUENTIN CARNIVAL IS PROUD TO PRESENT--
--THE MOTORCYCLE MASTERY OF JOHNNY BLAZE!
YAY-YAY-YAH YAY
IT'S GOOD TO SEE RED AN' JOHNNY GETTIN' ALONG SO WELL NOW! RED REALLY RESENTED JOHNNY STEALIN' HIS THUNDER WHEN THE KID FIRST JOINED THE CARNIVAL!
GO FOR IT, JOHNNY ENJOY THE GLORY WHILE IT LASTS... CAUSE IT WON'T LAST FOREVER!
BUT THAT'S THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES, ISN'T IT, JOHNNY? THERE'S SOMETHING AWFUL-- SOME DEMON--LOCKED UP INSIDE YOU I WISH I COULD HELP YOU WITH THAT...
..I WISH I COULD TELL YOU I KNEW! BUT IT'S TOO SOON FOR THAT! JUST THINKING ABOUT THE GHOST RIDER SCARES THE BEJEEBERS OUTTA ME... I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU LIVE WITH A CURSE LIKE THAT!
LOOKIT HIM GO, FOLKS! THOSE ROTATING SPIKES ARE RAZOR SHARP!
ONLY JOHNNY BLAZE WOULD ATTEMPT TO BROAD JUMP A POOL OF BOILING OIL! WOW!
EVENING FOWLER! THINK YOU CAN FIND TIME TO SHOOT THE BREEZE WITH A LADY?
SURE THING, MS. RANDOLPH! IS THIS FOR PLEASURE, OR FOR YOUR MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON CARNY LIFE?
MY, AREN'T WE SUSPICIOUS BUT, PLEASE CALL ME CYNTHIA!
UH-OH! THIS IS GONNA BE TROUBLE!
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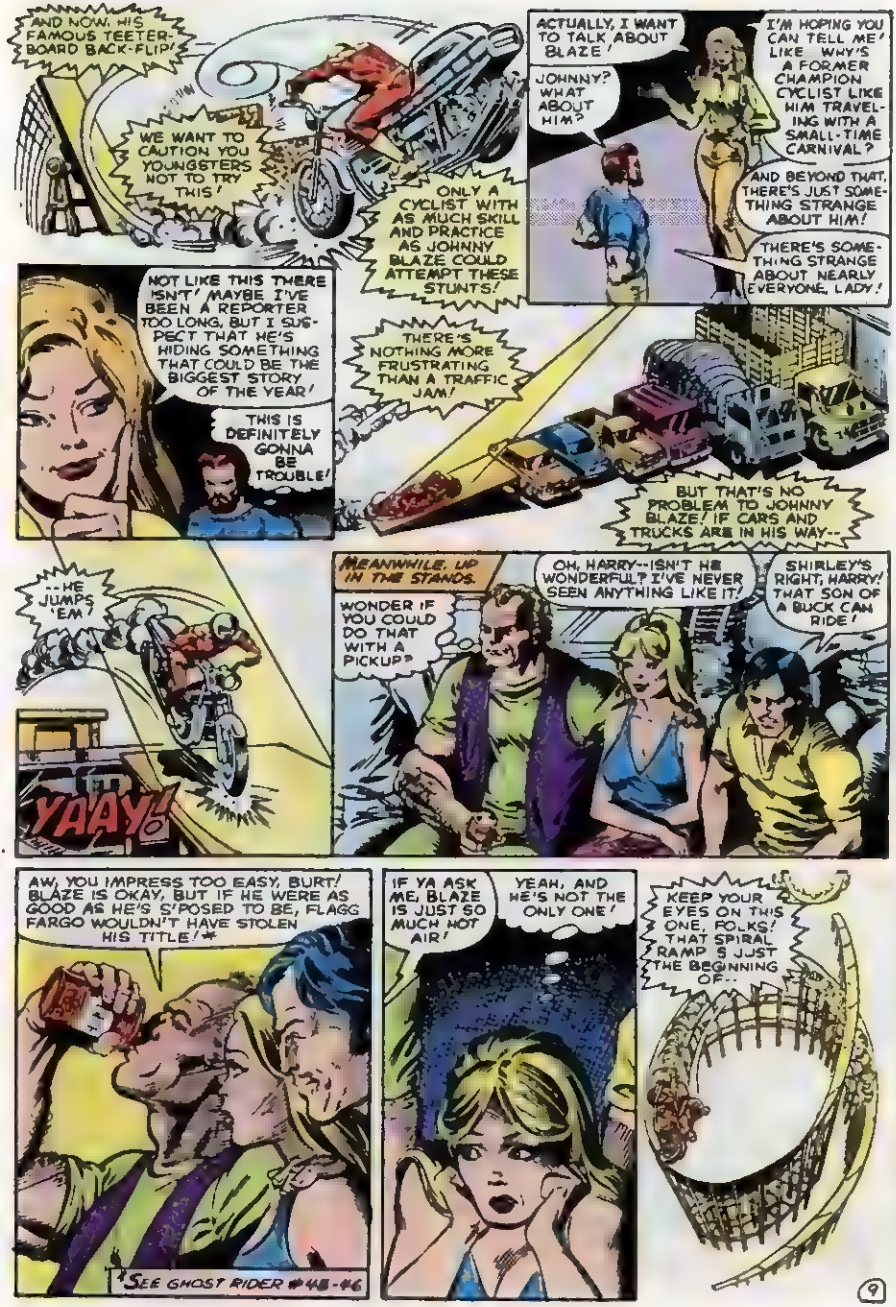
AND NOW: HIS FAMOUS TEETER-BOARD BACK-FLIP!
WE WANT TO CAUTION YOU YOUNGSTERS NOT TO TRY THIS!
ONLY A CYCLIST WITH AS MUCH SKILL AND PRACTICE AS JOHNNY BLAZE COULD ATTEMPT THESE STUNTS!
ACTUALLY, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT BLAZE!
JOHNNY? WHAT ABOUT HIM?
I'M HOPING YOU CAN TELL ME! LIKE WHY'S A FORMER CHAMPION CYCLIST LIKE HIM TRAVELING WITH A SMALL-TIME CARNIVAL?
AND BEYOND THAT, THERE'S JUST SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM!
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT NEARLY EVERYONE, LADY!
NOT LIKE THIS THERE ISN'T! MAYBE I'VE BEEN A REPORTER TOO LONG, BUT I SUSPECT THAT HE'S HIDING SOMETHING THAT COULD BE THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR!
THIS IS DEFINITELY GONNA BE TROUBLE!
THERE'S NOTHING MORE FRUSTRATING THAN A TRAFFIC JAM!
BUT THAT'S NO PROBLEM TO JOHNNY BLAZE! IF CARS AND TRUCKS ARE IN HIS WAY--
--HE JUMPS 'EM!
YAAY!
MEANWHILE, UP IN THE STANDS.
WONDER IF YOU COULD DO THAT WITH A PICKUP?
OH, HARRY--ISN'T HE WONDERFUL? I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
SHIRLEY'S RIGHT, HARRY! THAT SON OF A BUCK CAN RIDE!
AW, YOU IMPRESS TOO EASY, BURT! BLAZE IS OKAY, BUT IF HE WERE AS GOOD AS HE'S S'POSED TO BE, FLAGG FARGO WOULDN'T HAVE STOLEN HIS TITLE!*
*SEE GHOST RIDER #45-46
IF YA ASK ME, BLAZE IS JUST SO MUCH HOT AIR!
YEAH, AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE!
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THIS ONE, FOLKS! THAT SPIRAL RAMP'S JUST THE BEGINNING OF..
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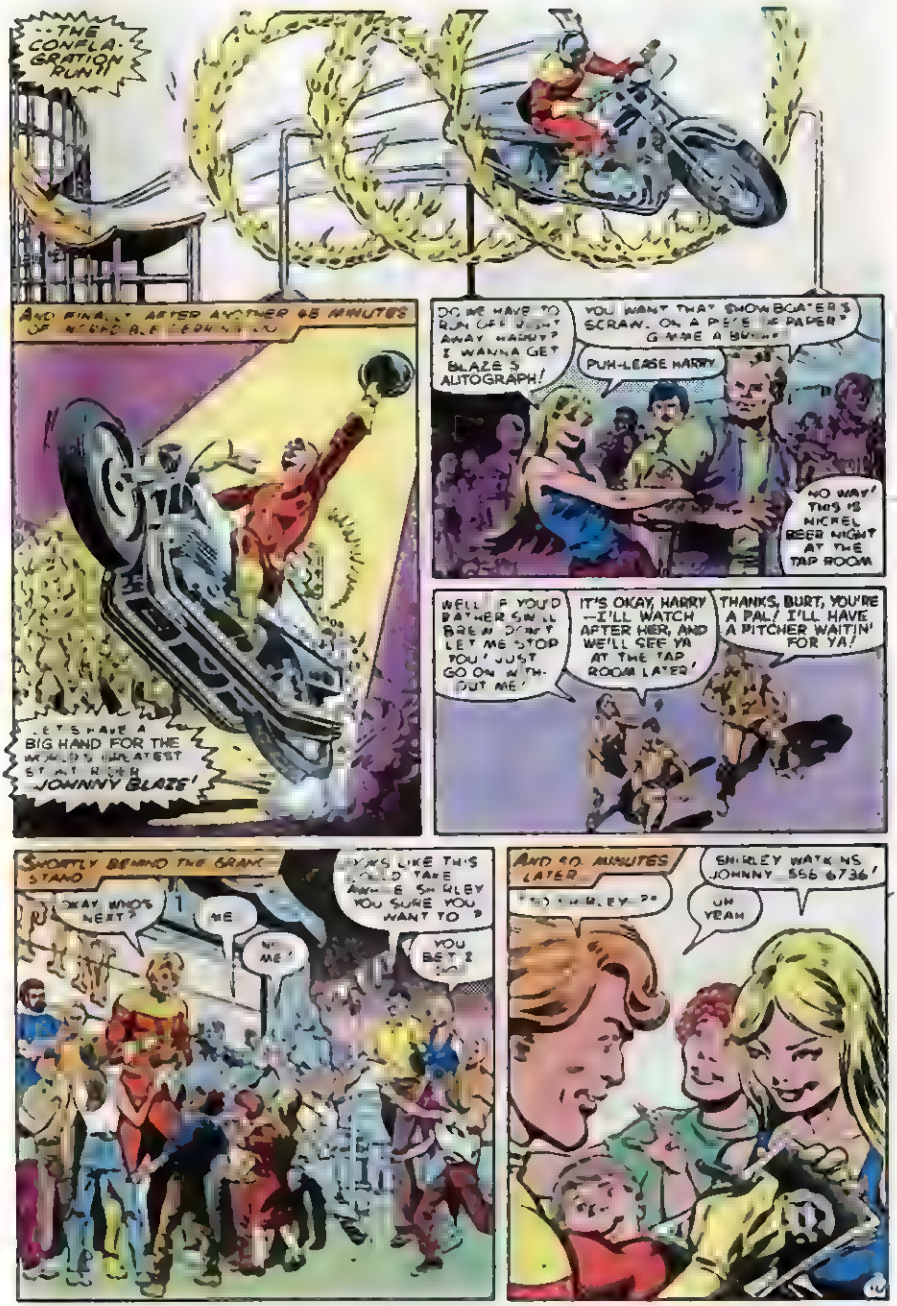
--THE CONFLA-GRATION RUN!!
AND FINALLY AFTER ANOTHER 45 MINUTES OF INTENSE LEDGE-WORK
LET'S HAVE A BIG HAND FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST STUNT STAR JOHNNY BLAZE!
DO WE HAVE TO RUN OFF RIGHT AWAY HARRY? I WANNA GET BLAZE'S AUTOGRAPH!
YOU WANT THAT SNOWBOATER'S SCRAWL ON A PIECE OF PAPER? GIMME A BREAK!
PUH-LEASE HARRY
NO WAY! THIS IS NICKEL BEER NIGHT AT THE TAP ROOM
WELL IF YOU'D RATHER SWILL BREW DON'T LET ME STOP YOU! JUST GO ON WITHOUT ME!
IT'S OKAY, HARRY --I'LL WATCH AFTER HER, AND WE'LL SEE YA AT THE TAP ROOM LATER!
THANKS, BURT, YOU'RE A PAL! I'LL HAVE A PITCHER WAITIN' FOR YA!
SHORTLY BEHIND THE GRANDSTAND
OKAY, WHO'S NEXT?
ME
ME?
THIS LIKE THIS COULD TAKE AWHILE SHIRLEY YOU SURE YOU WANT TO?
YOU BET I DO!
AND 60 MINUTES LATER
SHIRLEY WATKINS JOHNNY 556 6736!
UH YEAH

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LOOKS LIKE I GOT ME A "LITTLE TOWN FLIRT" HERE DON'T WANT TO HURT HER FEELINGS... MAYBE RED CAN GET ME OUT OF THIS!
I KNOW THAT
ENGINES
THE MAN WASN'T INTERESTED, SHIRLEY. WHAT WOULD HARRY SAY?
HE'D YELL AND CUSS-
BUT YOU WON'T TELL ON ME WILL YOU? AFTER ALL HARRY DUNCAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY CLAIM ON ME HE JUST
IS THAT SO?
GIVE YOU ANY IDEAS BURT?
A FEW YOU WANNA HEAR 'EM?
MMMM, I SURE DO'
GOOD! I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE HITTIN' THE TAP ROOM ANYWAY!
HEE HEE-HEE' "WHAT WOULD HARRY SAY?"
HONEY, IT'S NICKEL BEER NIGHT HE WON'T EVEN NOTICE WE'RE MISSING TILL MORNING...
EARLY THE NEXT MORNING
I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T TAKE OFF WITH THAT YOUNG STUFF LAST NIGHT, JOHNNY!
I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED MYSELF RED, YA THINK I'M GETTING SOFT?
EITHER THAT OR SMART
HEADS UP, FELLAS! COFFEE'S A COMIN'!
BUT BEFORE THE CLOWN CAN TAKE ANOTHER STEP...
SCREEE
WHOOA!

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MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT YOU ALMOST RAN DOWN A FRIEND OF MINE!
YOU'D BETTER HOPE THAT HE'S ALL RIGHT OR--!
SHUT UP!
I SPENT ALL NIGHT WAITIN' FOR HER! YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU DID WITH HER, OR I'M TAKIN' YER HEAD OFF AT THE SHOULDERS!
PHEW! THIS GUY SMELLS LIKE A BREWERY... MUST BE DRUNK OUTTA HIS MIND!
YA HEAR ME? WHADDAYA DONE WITH HER?!
LISTEN, PAL--! YOWTCH!
DRUNK OR NOT, THIS JERK WAS A PUNCH LIKE A STEAM PISTON!
GIT OFF'A ME! OR YOU'LL ALL GIT WHAT'S COMING TO BLAZE!
HE'S LIKE A MAD BULL! HE THREW OFF THE OTHERS LIKE THEY WERE RAG DOLLS! IT'LL TAKE THE GHOST RIDER TO STOP HIM!
NO, WHAT AM I THINKING? IF I LET THE GHOST RIDER LOOSE, HE MIGHT HELP THIS GUY RIP DOWN THE WHOLE CARNIVAL!
NOW... ARE YOU GONNA TALK OR--?
KABLAM
THERE'S A SECOND BARREL ALL PRIMED AND READY IN THIS SCATTER-GUN, SON-- SO DON'T TRY ANYTHING!
YES, MR QUENTIN
YOU OKAY, CORKY?
IN THAT CASE, I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE TROUBLE. YOU JUST GET IN YOUR PICKUP AND GIT!
NOW!
THANKS, MR. QUENTIN, I'D HATE TO THINK WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED.
WHEN YOU'VE RUN A CARNIVAL 'LONG AS I HAVE, YOU LEARN TO BE PREPARED FOR THESE THINGS ST LL. I'M GLAD THIS IS OUR LAST NIGHT IN TH.S TOWN ROUGH CROWD AROUND HERE!
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THAT WAS QUICK THINKING ON QUENTIN'S PART I DON'T KNOW HE HAD IT IN HIM!
DON'T LET HIS FANCY DAN OUTFIT FOOL YA CYNTH A' RALPH QUENTIN'S A TOUGH OLD BIRD!
HM HMM SOMETIMES I THINK EVERYONE AROUND HERE'S WEARING A MASK OH I ALMOST FORGOT
A WESTERN UNION MAN DROPPED THIS OFF FOR YOU
WHO'D BE SENDIN' ME A TELEGRAM
SOMEONE CHEAP I CAME COLLECT
UNION TELEGRAM
DAD
ON MY WAY HOME JOIN ME IN A FEW DAYS
ELIOT
FOR A SECOND THE CLOWN'S FACE FALLS, SHOWING FEATURES PAINTED WITH FEAR!
BY EVENING, THE TROUBLES OF THE MORNING ARE FORGOTTEN, AND THE QUENTIN CARNIVAL BECOMES ONCE MORE A CENTER OF FUN, THRILLS AND MERRIMENT!
FOR THE UMPTEENTH TIME, JOHNNY BLAZE GOES INTO HIS ACT!
AND FOR THE SECOND TIME, IT IS WITNESSED BY A HAPPY YOUNG COUPLE.
BUT HIGH UP ON THE NEARBY RIDGE, A MOST UNHAPPY MAN PLANS TO END THE MERRIMENT... AND KILL THE FUN!
LOOKED ALL OVER TOWN FIND SHIRLEY OR BURT ANYWHERES DIRTY CARNIES MUST'A SHANGHAIED 'EM!
I KNOW BURT WOULDN'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HER OTHERWISE. BUT I'LL FIX 'EM! I'M GONNA RIDE MY PICKUP RIGHT DOWN BLAZE'S THROAT!
AIN'T A BIKER BORN WHO CAN OUT-RUN HARRY DONOVAN! NO, SIR!
HUMP
@+$#%¢!!! BLASTED GULLY HOLES! BROKE THE WHEEL CLEAN OFF'A THE AXLE!
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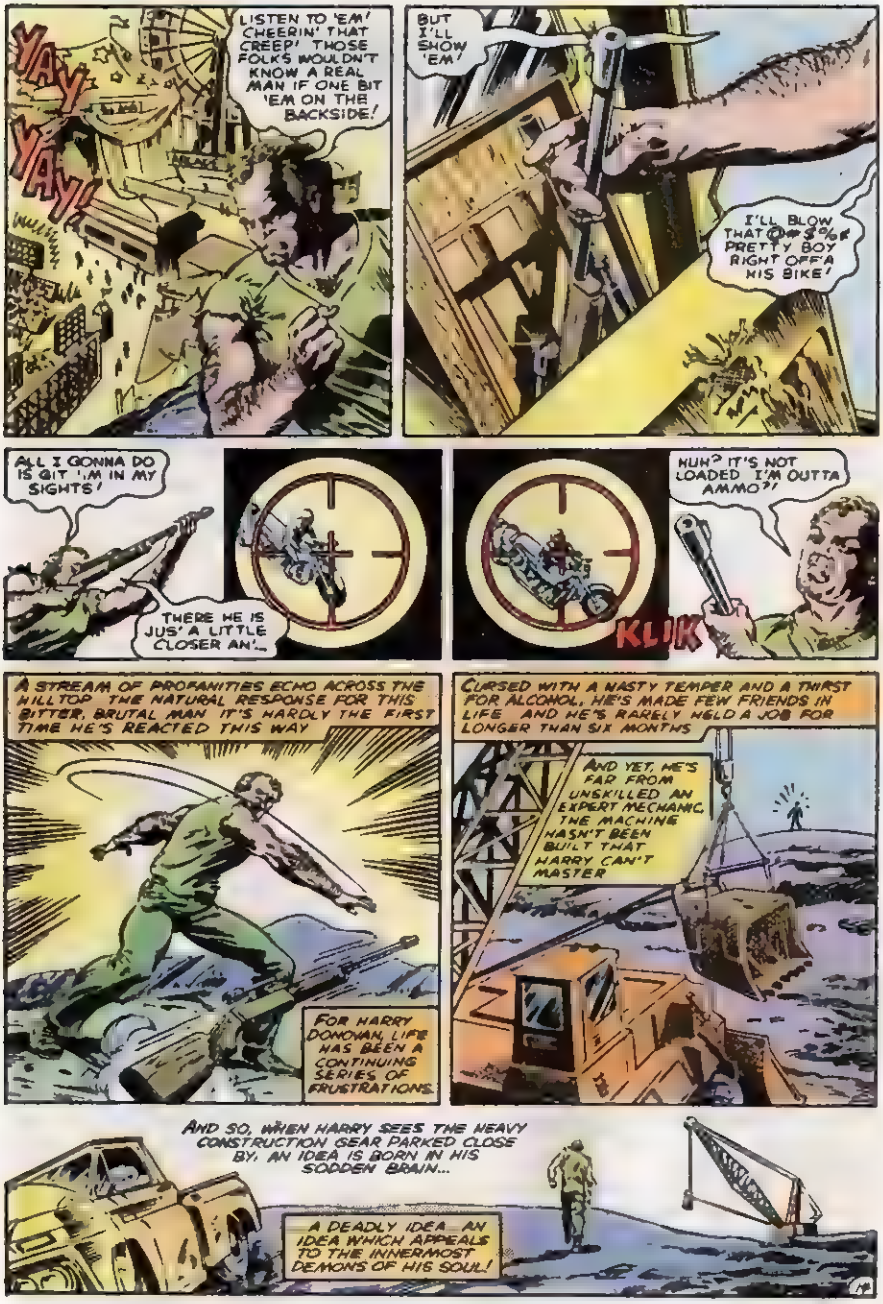
YAY YAY!
LISTEN TO 'EM! CHEERIN' THAT CREEP! THOSE FOLKS WOULDN'T KNOW A REAL MAN IF ONE BIT 'EM ON THE BACKSIDE!
BUT I'LL SHOW 'EM!
I'LL BLOW THAT @#$%& PRETTY BOY RIGHT OFF A HIS BIKE!
ALL I GONNA DO IS GIT 'IM IN MY SIGHTS!
THERE HE IS JUS' A LITTLE CLOSER AN'...
KLIK
HUH? IT'S NOT LOADED I'M OUTTA AMMO?!
A STREAM OF PROFANITIES ECHO ACROSS THE HILLTOP. THE NATURAL RESPONSE FOR THIS BITTER, BRUTAL MAN. IT'S HARDLY THE FIRST TIME HE'S REACTED THIS WAY.
FOR HARRY DONOVAN, LIFE HAS BEEN A CONTINUING SERIES OF FRUSTRATIONS.
CURSED WITH A NASTY TEMPER AND A THIRST FOR ALCOHOL, HE'S MADE FEW FRIENDS IN LIFE. AND HE'S RARELY HELD A JOB FOR LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS.
AND YET, HE'S FAR FROM UNSKILLED AN EXPERT MECHANIC. THE MACHINE HASN'T BEEN BUILT THAT HARRY CAN'T MASTER.
AND SO, WHEN HARRY SEES THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION GEAR PARKED CLOSE BY, AN IDEA IS BORN IN HIS SODDEN BRAIN...
A DEADLY IDEA... AN IDEA WHICH APPEALS TO THE INNERMOST DEMONS OF HIS SOUL!

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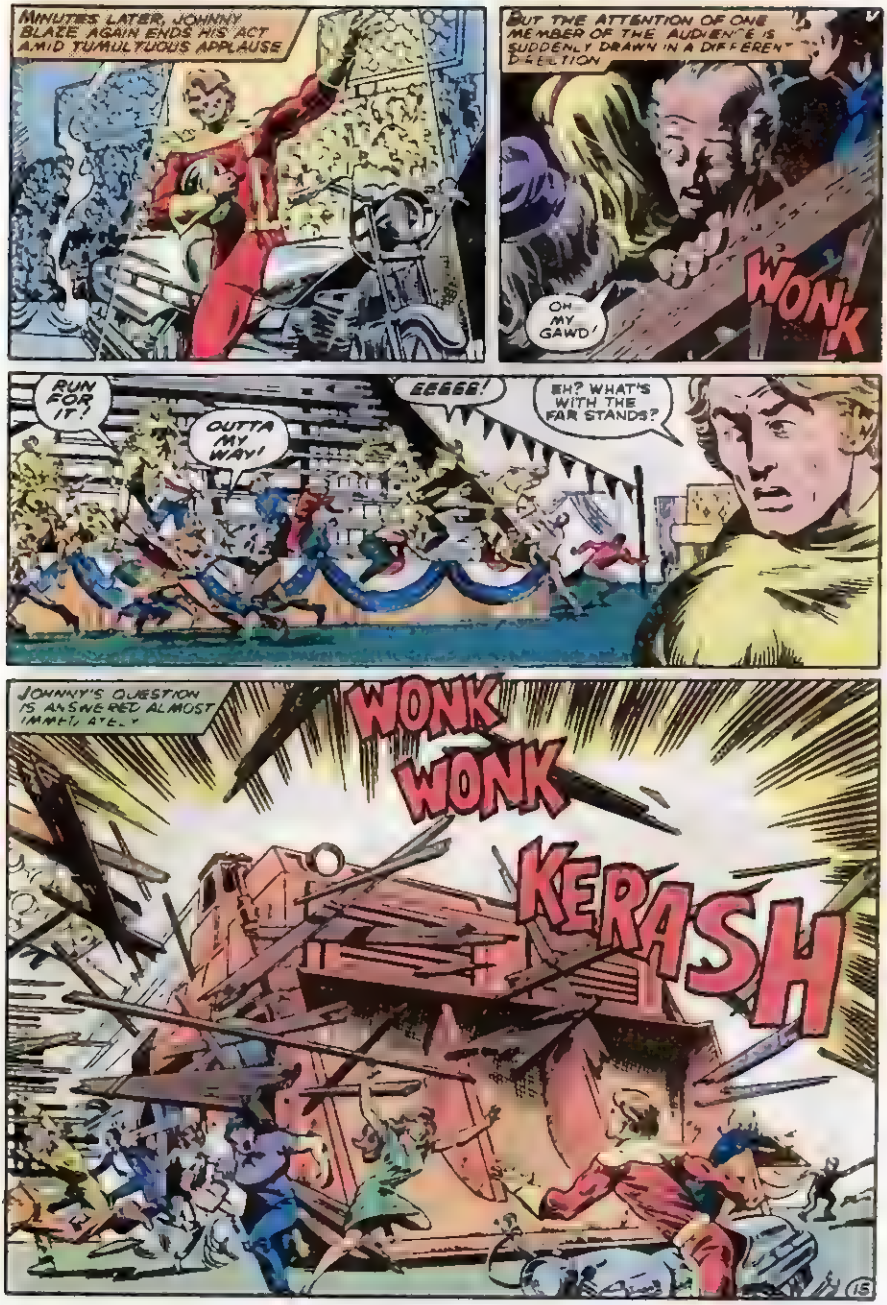
MINUTES LATER, JOHNNY BLAZE AGAIN ENDS HIS ACT AMID TUMULTUOUS APPLAUSE
BUT THE ATTENTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE IS SUDDENLY DRAWN IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION
OH MY GAWD!
WONK
RUN FOR IT!
OUTTA MY WAY!
EEGGG!
EH? WHAT'S WITH THE FAR STANDS?
JOHNNY'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY
WONK
WONK
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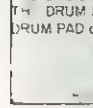

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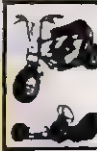

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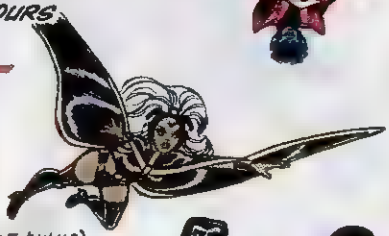

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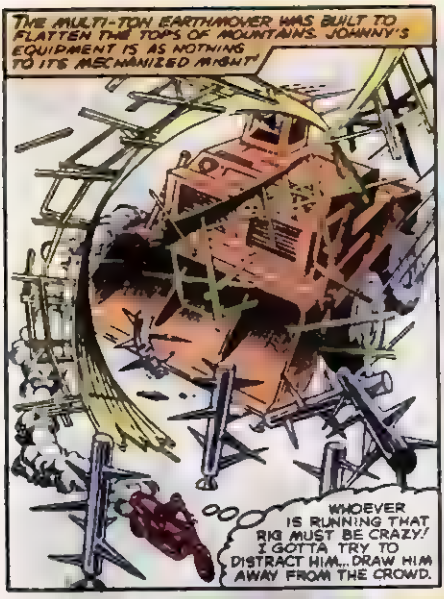
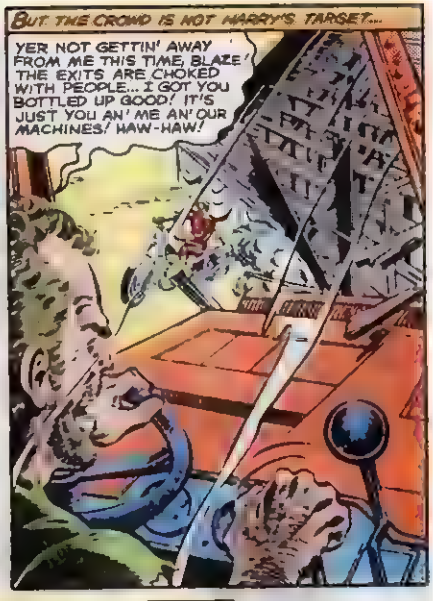
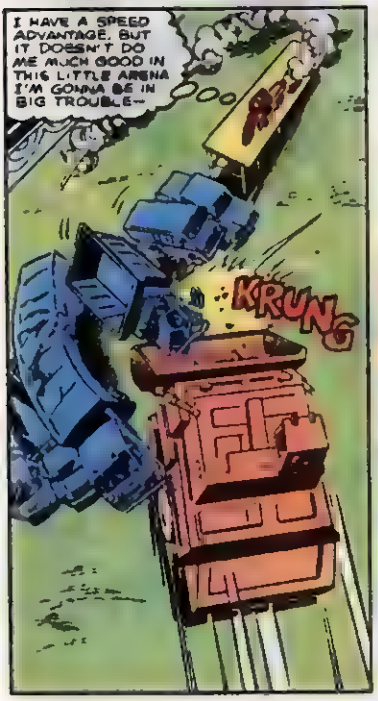
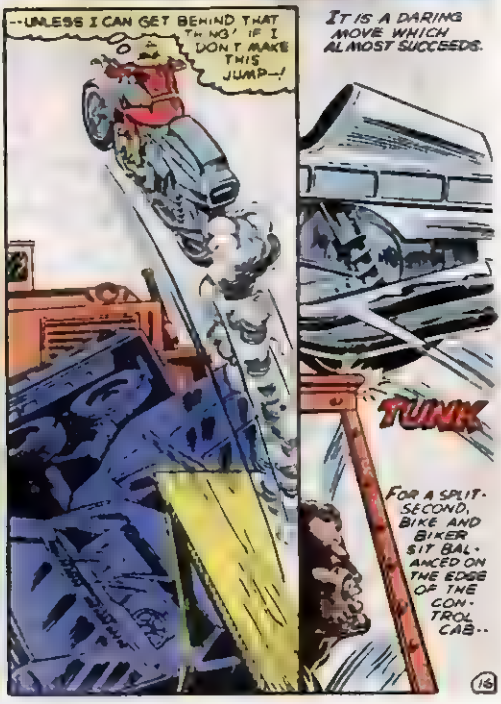

THE MULTI-TON EARTHMOVER WAS BUILT TO FLATTEN THE TOPS OF MOUNTAINS. JOHNNY'S EQUIPMENT IS AS NOTHING TO ITS MECHANIZED MIGHT!
WHOEVER IS RUNNING THAT RIG MUST BE CRAZY! I GOTTA TRY TO DISTRACT HIM... DRAW HIM AWAY FROM THE CROWD.


BUT THE CROWD IS NOT HARRY'S TARGET...
YER NOT GETTIN' AWAY FROM ME THIS TIME, BLAZE! THE EXITS ARE CHOKED WITH PEOPLE... I GOT YOU BOTTLED UP GOOD! IT'S JUST YOU AN' ME AN' OUR MACHINES! HAW-HAW!




--UNLESS I CAN GET BEHIND THAT TH-NG! IF I DON'T MAKE THIS JUMP--!
IT IS A DARING MOVE WHICH ALMOST SUCCEEDS.
TUNK
FOR A SPLIT-SECOND, BIKE AND BIKER SIT BALANCED ON THE EDGE OF THE CONTROL CAB--
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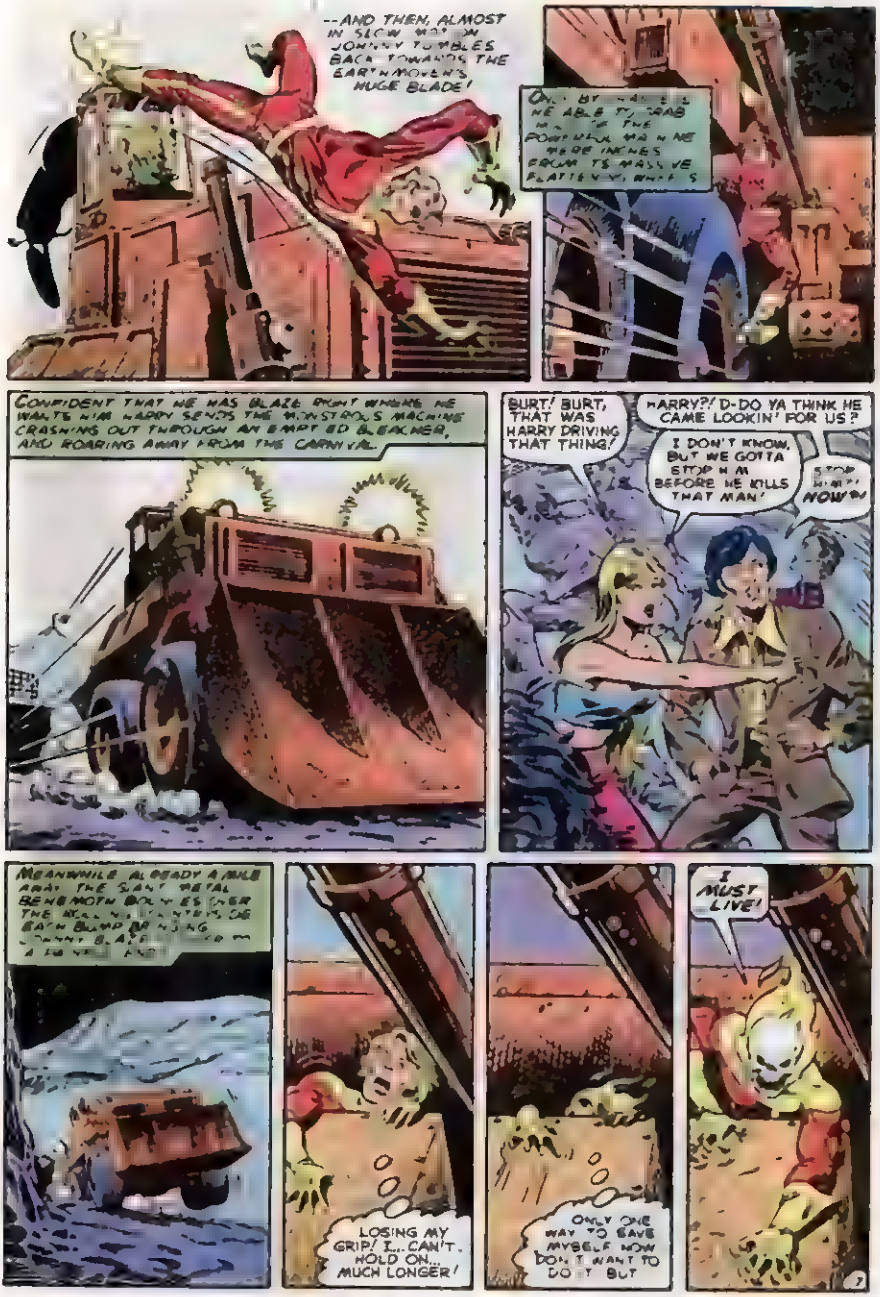
--AND THEN, ALMOST IN SLOW MOTION, JOHNNY TUMBLES BACK TOWARDS THE EARTHMOVER'S HUGE BLADE!
CONFIDENT THAT HE HAS BLAZE RIGHT WHERE HE WANTS HIM, HARRY SENDS THE MONSTROUS MACHINE CRASHING OUT THROUGH AN EMPTY ED BLEACHER, AND ROARING AWAY FROM THE CARNIVAL.
BURT! BURT, THAT WAS HARRY DRIVING THAT THING!
HARRY?! D-DO YA THINK HE CAME LOOKIN' FOR US?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE GOTTA STOP HIM BEFORE HE KILLS THAT MAN!
STOP HIM?! NOW?!
MEANWHILE, ALREADY A MILE AWAY, THE GIANT METAL BEHEMOTH BOWLS OVER THE WALL OF TENTS AND CARS BEHIND HARRY, JOHNNY BLAZE, AND
LOSING MY GRIP! I...CAN'T HOLD ON... MUCH LONGER!
ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE MYSELF NOW. DON'T WANT TO DO IT, BUT
I MUST LIVE!

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THERE IS GREAT POWER WITHIN THIS MACHINE-- PERHAPS ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE GHOST RIDER
BUT FOR THAT TO HAPPEN I WOULD HAVE TO FALL BEFORE ITS GREAT WHEELS AND THAT, I SHALL NOT DO!
SO! IT IS YOU, THE ONE WHO TORMENTED THE CARNIVAL FOLK THIS MORNING!
BESOTTED FOOL! DID YOU THINK TO MAKE MURDER THIS NIGHT? LOOK AT YOU -- YOU CANNOT EVEN SPEAK
OH MAMMA I'VE HAD THE D.T.'S BEFORE, BUT NEVER LIKE THIS!
DRUNKEN IDIOT! I AM NO MERE HALLUCINATION! I AM VENGEANCE!
SHOCKED AT THE SIGHT OF THE SPECTRAL FORM, HARRY LETS HIS FOOT SLIP OFF THE GAS PEDAL...
--ALLOWING A PURSUING VEHICLE TO DRAW CLOSER
LOOK, BURT, IT'S SLOWING DOWN!
YOU DON'T THINK THAT HARRY HAS KILT THE MAN, DO YA?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? LOOK, SHIRLEY, THIS AIN'T NO JEEP! WILL YOU SIT DOWN AND FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT BEFORE--!
BUT THE WARNING HAS COME TOO LATE
EEEEE
WHAP!
OH, LORD.. SHIRLEY!

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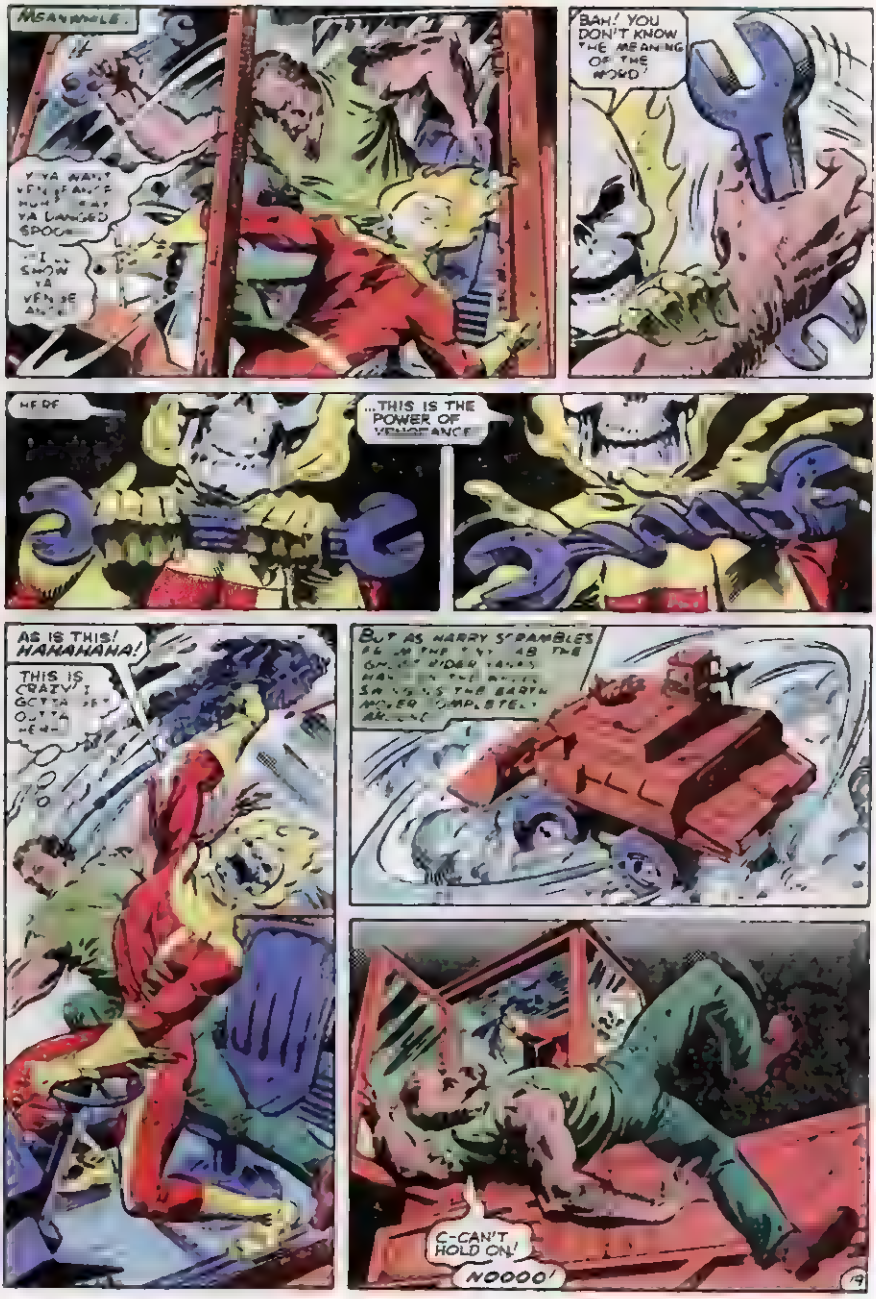
MEANWHILE...
YA WAN'T VENGEANCE HUH? SAY YA LANGED SPOCK...
I'LL SHOW YA VENGEANCE!
BAH! YOU DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD!
HE DE
...THIS IS THE POWER OF VENGEANCE
AS IS THIS! HAHAHAHA!
THIS IS CRAZY! GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE!
BUT AS HARRY STUMBLES BLINDLY THROUGH THE CITY, AS THE GHOST RIDER FINDS HIMSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF WHAT SEEMS THE EARTH MOVED COMPLETELY AROUND
C-CAN'T HOLD ON!
NOOOO!
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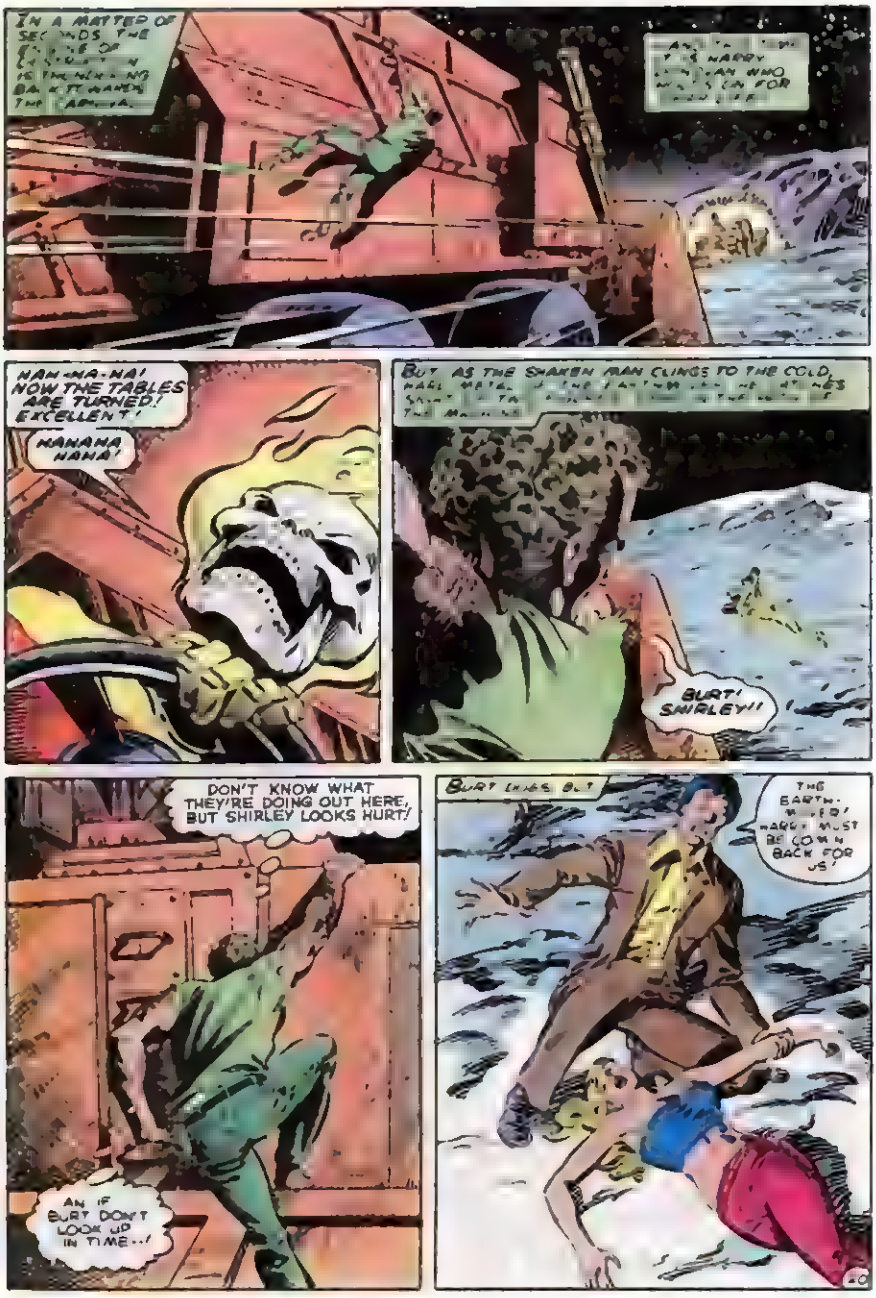
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NANA-NA-NA! NOW THE TABLES ARE TURNED! EXCELLENT!
NANANA NANA!
BUT AS THE SHAKEN MAN CLINGS TO THE COLD, HARD METAL [illegible]
BURT! SHIRLEY!!
DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING OUT HERE, BUT SHIRLEY LOOKS HURT!
AN IF BURT DON'T LOOK UP IN TIME...!
BURT LIVES, BUT
THE EARTH-MEN MUST BE COMIN BACK FOR US!

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TOM DeFALCO
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Dear Tom,

"The Lair of the Loan Shark!" in GHOST RIDER #65 was really something else. And that Bob Budiansky/Joe Rubinstein cover was a knock-out! (Why not have these guys do the interiors once in awhile? It seems like Budiansky has been pancking most of the covers of GR for years!)

It's great to see the return of a supporting cast in GHOST RIDER, though I don't believe for a minute that Johnny Blaze will be spending the rest of his career with the Quentin Carnival, I can see at least a good year's worth of stories centered around the weird world of the carnival.

Let's see .. in three short issues, we've met Ralph Quentin, the carnival's head honcho. . Corky the Clown... Cynthia Randolph... and Red Fowler, former cycle star. It was nice to see Fowler finally come around to appreciating Johnny this issue, even though he certainly had good reason to resent the talented Mr. Blaze. I can foresee some interesting developments on the horizon, what with Red knowing Johnny's secret and Cynthia trying to find out what it is.

As for this continuing letters page argument about the Ghost Rider's foes, there is a simple solution! Just feature a mix of supernatural adversaries, ordinary hoodlums, and occasional costumed super-stars. (Nightmare would make an interesting enemy for the Ghost Rider!)

Charlene Davidson
(no address given)

Nightmare might at that, Charlene, but the overlord of the Dream Dimension is a trifle busy right now in the pages of DOCTOR STRANGE another little supernatural creation from the House of Ideas! Incidentally, it's also written by GHOST RIDER writer, Roger Stern! (Okay, Rog, ya got your plug... now get back to work!)

Dear Ghost Writers

I have just finished reading GHOST RIDER #65, and I'm truly impressed. Johnny Blaze's alter ego is gaining increasing power with each metamorphoses. Slowly, he has overriden Blaze's control. Something big is obviously right around the corner.

All I can say is: Beautiful! This comic has overcome many weaknesses to reach a point where its atmosphere is reminiscent of the old E.C. horror books of the fifties. The book's current macabre style is like a breath of fresh air.

No longer is the struggle between mortal and demon at a standstill. Slowly, almost surely, the Ghost Rider has emerged from within Johnny Blaze. An inviting and appealing confrontation is quickly approaching, as I see it. And perhaps. . could it involve Blaze's end as a mortal being? You guys are masterfully putting together a complicated jigsaw puzzle of a storyline, and I see a shattering climax approaching.

Whew! And I thought that AVENGERS #213 couldn't be topped!

Rich Davids
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To the Marvel Miltons

(In response to Carl Corea's letter in GHOST RIDER #65)

Of course, the Ghost Rider is a real demon! The problem arises from the fact that two entities (Johnny Blaze and the Ghost Rider) share aspects of the same body. Whichever one is in control, his aspect of the body is manifest. This has almost always been the case, but — 'way back when — the possession did not conform to the classical norm of a demon controlling the possessee. To the contrary, even when the demon was manifested, Johnny Blaze's psyche was in control. In other words, the Ghost Rider was actually being possessed by Johnny Blaze!

As everyone has noticed by now, things have changed. Our demon is waking up, taking on a personality of his own, and becoming a true entity, instead of just an elegant set of useful pyrotechnics. Where once he had no conscious will, now he has a mission — and his will to pursue it places both innocent and guilty in peril. Johnny can't even force him to help the bystanders.

More recently the theory has been advanced that Johnny Blaze still has some influence over the demon. The dark side of his soul, the negative emotions and frustrations, are both strengthening and influencing the demon. He is becoming meaner which bothers, frightens, and depresses Johnny further.

And there is the vicious cycle. How do we get out?

Two choices:

1) Johnny must change. He has to learn to control his own emotions, and slow the cycle. There seems to be some hope for this with the appearance and conversion of Red Fowler. I like it, but please develop Red's personality further. The mysterious hints of past misdeeds sound like a very good beginning. It's been a long time since someone who cared about Johnny has had a chance to hang around.

2) The demon must change. He continues to mature and awaken, and sooner or later he's going to get fed up with being little more than a way for Johnny to let off a little steam. He may even try to take over completely!

On the super-villain versus mystic villain controversy: I prefer to see Johnny take on the common everyday foes, while the Ghost Rider faces the high power stuff. I lean more towards the mystic adversaries. As GR tends to the bad guys, things get interesting, and people (like Red) get very confused. I mean, one minute GR tries to drown Red, and the next, he's getting Red out of hot water (incidentally, nearly drowning him again).

And that's my 20¢ worth.

Ellen Layendecker
856 LaMesa Drive
Portola Valley, CA 94025

And, we might add, every penny was well spent, Ellen.

Dear Marvel,

Why doesn't Ghost Rider fight more demonic beings? The only two I know of GR fighting are Moondark and Azmodeus.

And why does GR always wear the same racing leathers?

At any rate, GHOST RIDER is right up there at the top of the list of my Marvel faves — along with the X-MEN, ROM, IRON MAN, and the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.

Rich Vickers
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Actually, Rich, the ol' Brimstone Biker has fought a number of demonic types in the past... and you never know when another will turn up in the future!

As for cycling attire, GR doesn't always wear his leathers, as this issue clearly shows. We suspect, though, that he has a preference for black!

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BULLPEN BULLETINS

BEING EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF MARVEL COMICS...

...is like balancing a watermelon on your nose. It's hard to do, it can hurt a lot, and everyone thinks you're out of your mind for doing it. Sometimes, if it weren't for the honor of it all, I think I'd give it up. Nonetheless, on with the news...

DODGING FAIL TO BE KILLED!

...or at least to suffer severe pain. Two weeks ago, on December 9, to be exact, just before three P.M., most of the crew was gathered in the Bullpen to cut a cake in honor of Publishing Vice-President Mike Hobson's forty-fifth birthday! Suddenly, without warning, a stepladder slammed into a window only a few feet away! Glass sprayed everywhere, and startled Bullpenners, imagining that it was anything from an artillery attack to the end of the world as we know it, dived for cover. Fortunately, it seems that no one was seriously injured, though our brand-new editorial assistant, Frank Sienkiewicz, who was nearest the window at the time, was battered by flying debris and shaken up. Yes, that name Sienkiewicz (pronounced Sin-keh-vitch) should sound familiar. Lovely Francine is the wife of renowned MOON KNIGHT artist Bill Sienkiewicz! Anyway, after we found out it was a stepladder that had crashed our party, speculation ran wild! Had the Dire Competition at last perfected their stepladder-cannon? Or was it the work of a Sinister Foreign Power, trying to undermine American morale by striking at our comics creators? As it turns out, it was just the wind which blew the ladder from the top of a nearby skyscraper-under-construction, and not the work of Nefarious Enemies. Nonetheless, it certainly made our party... different! I think Mike will remember this birthday.

PRESENTING THE FIRST ANNUAL SHOOTIE AWARDS!

By now all of you have stopped accidentally dating your checks "1981" and are comfortably underway with A.D. 1982, but as I write this it's late December 1981. As a matter of fact, I'm on an airplane at the moment, headed home to Pittsburgh, "Someplace Special," PA for the holidays but that's not important. What's important is that I've decided to give some special no-prizes, by my authority as E.I.C., to honor achievements of the past year. Some will be serious, some not so, and all are absolutely arbitrary on my part. The decisions of the judges are final. And now the awards...

The Award for *Quietest Superstar Pencler* goes to Brent Anderson, who probably gives quiet lessons to Ninja on the side. Last time Brent said something Daredevil was heard to say "Pardon me?"

The Award for *Fastest Coloring Job* goes to Christie Scheele for Avengers #216, "To Avenge the Avengers," colored in "thirty-seven-point-eight-six seconds," according to her because it was terminally late thanks to the scripter (me). Surely, she wouldn't fib about something like that, would she? Nah.

The Award for *Most Overnight Lettering Jobs* goes to Joe Rosen who came through time after time because he's as dependable as the sunrise and the Hulk's temper. Fortunately for us, Joe's much more mellow and cooperative than the Hulk.

The Award for *Worst Engraver's Error* goes to Chemical Color for Ka-Zar #12 "Bolesco." In which an entire panel, a color-hod, was dropped out!

The Award for *Saving Marvel's Bacon Schedulewise* goes to Chemical Color for saving several dozen late issues with last-ditch, blitzkrieg separating and engraving efforts, and doing a darn good job despite the rush.

The Award for *Best Singlehanded Complete Cover Overnight* goes to Editor Allen Milgrom for Hulk #267 "Wrong End of the Rainbow." He writes, he draws, he inks, he edits --- next he'll be selling the comics down on the corner of 56th and Madison.

The Award for *Best Cover Copy* goes to Jim Salicrup for Fantastic Four #238, "The Lady Is Not For Burning." That's the title, not the cover copy, by the way. You have to check out the prize-winning copy for yourself to believe it.

The Award for *Father of the Year*, though closely contested, goes to Ron Zavme, who provided every living person within range with cut-out-and-fold-up, do-it-yourself, scale-model, cardboard statuettes, which he designed and created, of his wife, himself and new baby Jessica.

The Award for *Curmudgeon of the Year* goes to staff curmudgeon (and editor, and genius) Dennis J. O'Neil -- even though we all know it's just a front and underneath he's a sweet guy.

The Award for *Best Telephone Greeting* goes to CRAZY Magazine editor Larry Hama who answers the phone, "CRAZY! What's your excuse?"

The Award for *Rookie of the Year* goes to newcomer Tom DeFalco. Sure, I know he's been in comics, editing even, since Don Perlin wore knickers, but he's new here...and already a star!

The Award for *Miss* —ooops! I mean *Mister Congeniality* goes to Danny Crespi, fearless Production manager and all around nice guy.

The Award for *Comeback of the Year* goes to Jack Abel, who didn't let a serious stroke stop him. Showing enormous courage and determination, and cheerfully goaded on by his friends, he rehabilitated his paralyzed right hand to the extent that he's inking and drawing again — even better than before. Now, there is a man.

The *Nuclear Terrorist Clone Honorable Mention* goes to Inker Bob Layton, who's a first-class artist and a first-class guy — for a radioactive mutant, that is.

That's all for now, but be warned! I'll probably give additional awards from time to time when the mood strikes me.

THIS TOO, SHALL PASS...

This column, that is. We're out of space, I fear. Before I sign off, though, I want the world to know that I was just kidding about Bob Layton being a radioactive mutant. It was just a joke. Yes, I know it wasn't funny, but, hey, how humorous could you be if you were in my place?

Watermelons are very heavy.

Bles

Jim Shooter

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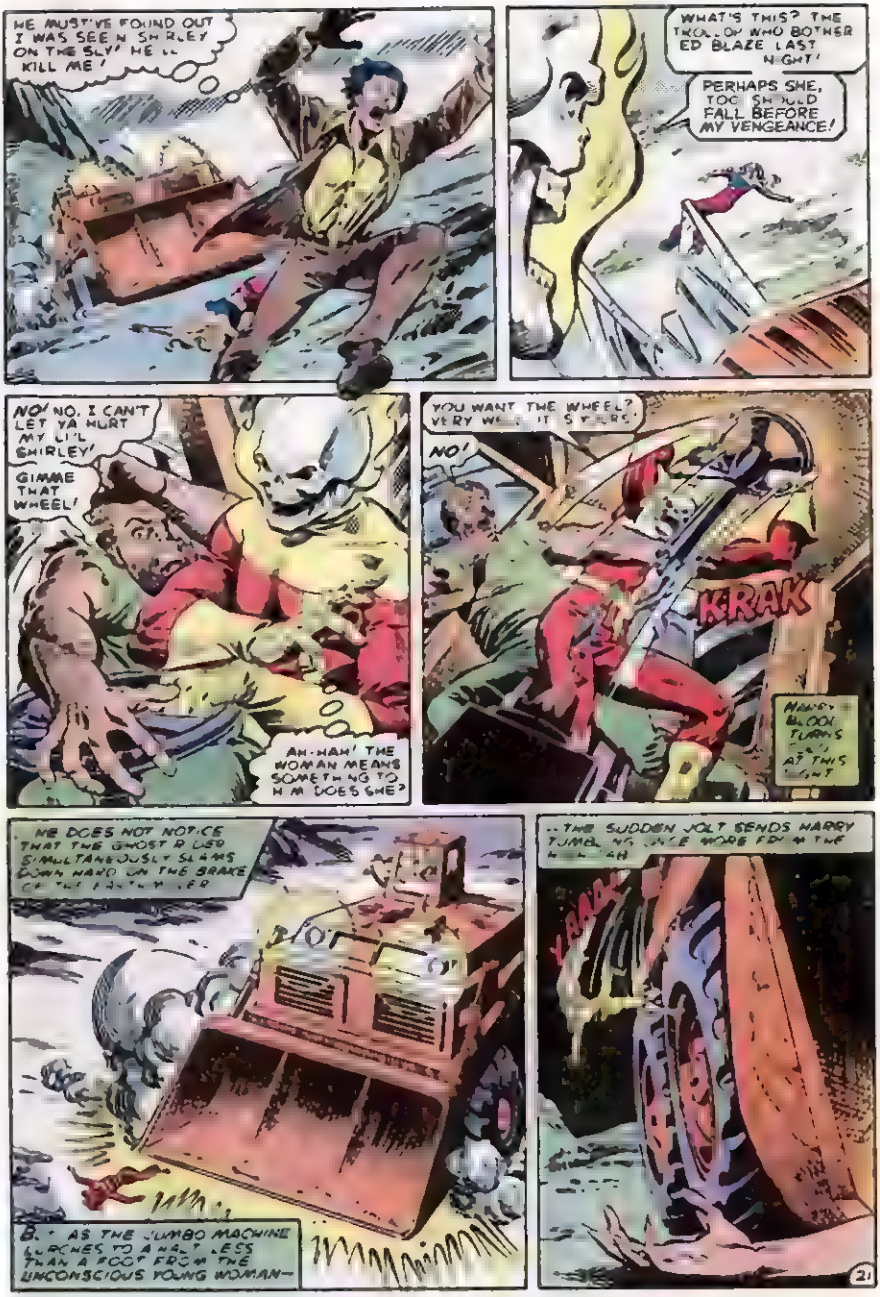
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WHAT'S THIS? THE TROLLEY WHO BOTHERED BLAZE LAST NIGHT!
PERHAPS SHE, TOO, SHOULD FALL BEFORE MY VENGEANCE!
NO! NO, I CAN'T LET YA HURT MY LI'L SHIRLEY!
GIMME THAT WHEEL!
AH-HAH! THE WOMAN MEANS SOMETHING TO HIM! DOES SHE?
YOU WANT THE WHEEL? VERY WELL, IT'S YOURS.
NO!
KRAK
HARRY'S BLOOD TURNS COLD AT THIS SIGHT
HE DOES NOT NOTICE THAT THE GHOST HAS SIMULTANEOUSLY SLAMS DOWN HARD ON THE BRAKE OF THE RUNAWAY
B. AS THE JUMBO MACHINE LURCHES TO A HALT LESS THAN A FOOT FROM THE UNCONSCIOUS YOUNG WOMAN—
...THE SUDDEN JOLT SENDS HARRY TUMBLING ONCE MORE FROM THE
KRAK
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GROGGY FROM DRINK, NUMBED WITH FEAR, AND SHAKEN BY HIS FALL, HARRY IS BARELY ON HIS KNEES WHEN THE GHOST RIDER COMES FOR HIM!
NO... NO...
YES! YOUR MOMENT IS AT HAND...
... AND VENGEANCE IS AT HAND...
WITH HORRIBLE SWIFTNESS, THE GHOST RIDER'S MYSTIC FLAME CASCADES OVER HARRY'S CONVULSING FORM.
IT IS A COLD FLAME WHICH HARMS NOT A HAIR ON HIS BODY... WHILE IT BURNS TO THE VERY CORE OF HIS PSYCHE!
IN THAT HORRIFIC MOMENT, HARRY DONOVAN LOOKS INTO THE BLACKEST DEPTHS OF HIS SOUL--
--AND HE CANNOT STAND WHAT HE SEES!
THEN, HIS THIRST FOR VENGEANCE SATIATED, THE GHOST RIDER AGAIN GIVES UP CONTROL OF HIS HOST BODY--
--LEAVING A DISCONSOLATE CYCLIST IN HIS PLACE.
OH, LORD... WHAT HAVE I DONE?
M-M-MISTER? C-CAN'T YA HELP ME... PLEASE?
C-CAN'T ANYBODY... HELP... ME...
WHATEVER HAPPENS... WHEREVER HE GOES FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, HARRY DONOVAN WILL LIVE WITH THE MENTAL SCARS OF THIS NIGHT.
WHENEVER HE CLUTCHES A DRINK OR RAISES HIS VOICE IN ANGER, HE WILL STOP... AND SHUDDER... AND PERHAPS, THINK TWICE.
BUT JOHNNY BLAZE WILL NOT KNOW THAT. WHEN CIRCUMSTANCE FORCES HIM TO RECALL THIS NIGHT, HE WILL REMEMBER ONLY THE QUIVERING MASS AT HIS FEET.
HE MAY NEVER KNOW THAT THE GHOST RIDER HAS, THIS NIGHT, DESTROYED ANOTHER DEMON... A MORE PERSONAL DEMON... HARRY'S DEMON...
...PERHAPS FOR ALL TIME.
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